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SUBJECT: EDUCATION TAX WAIVED FOR EMIGRANTS TO US

STATE 056488, MOSCOW A-109

1. SUMMARY: SINCE REPORTED "SUSPENSION" IN PAST TWO WEEKS OF SOVIET TAX ON EDUCATED EMIGRANTS, FOUR APPLICANTS FOR IMMIGRATION TO US HAVE BEEN EXEMPTED FROM PAYMENT. TO EMBASSY KNOWLEDGE, WE HAVE NO RPT NO OTHER CASES AT THIS TIME WHERE EXIT PERMISSION RECEIVED "IN PRINCIPLE" BUT APPLICANTS UNABLE DEPART PENDING PAYMENT OF EDUCATION TAX. END SUMMARY.

2. FIRST EXEMPTION REPORTED TO EMBASSY WAS FOR LARISA DOCTOROW, WIFE OF FORMER US EXCHANGE STUDENT GILBERT DOCTOROW. MRS. DOCTOROW WAS INFORMED BY LENINGRAD OVIR MARCH 25 THAT SHE HAS BEEN WAIVED FROM 8,000 RUBLE FEE (STATE 056488). ALTHOUGH MRS. DOCTOROW HAD BEEN SUBJECT OF INTERVENTION BY BOTH USG AND GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER, IT IS NOTEWORTHY THAT TIMING OF WAIVER ACTION BY LENINGRAD AUTHORITIES COINCIDED WITH THEIR INITIAL GRANTING OF WAIVERS ON LARGE SCALE TO EMIGRANTS TO ISRAEL (MOSCOW 3207).

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3. IN ANOTHER CASE OF SOVIET APPLICANT MARRIED TO US CITIZEN, MRS. ZHANNA PAVLOVNA RADER OF KIEV ( MOSCOW A-109) REPLIED TO EMBASSY TELGRAPHIC QUERY ON MARCH 30 THAT SHE HAS BEEN PROMISED SOVIET EXIT PASSPORT " WITHIN TEN DAYS." WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT THIS INDICATES WAIVER OF LARGE EDUCATION TAX ASSESSED ON MRS. RADER. RADER WAS SUBJECT OF EARLIER INTERVENTION BY BOTH EMBASSY AND FORMER SECRETARY RUSK ( SPOUSE, RONALD R. RADER, IS MEMBER HISTORY DEPT UNIV. OF GEORGIA). AS IN DOCTOROW CASE, TIMING OF WAIVER BY LOCAL ( KIEV) AUTHORITIES COINCIDED WITH SIMILAR DEVELOPMENT IN ISRAEL CASES.

4. IN RESPONSE TO SIMILAR EMBASSY QUERY, MR. ARAM GARABEDIAN INFORMED CONSOFF BY TELEPHONE APRIL 6 THAT YEREVAN OVIR HAS GRANTED FULL EXEMPTION FROM TAX TOTALLING 28,000 RUBLES FOR HIGHER EDUCATION RECEIVED BY SEVERAL FAMILY MEMBERS ( MOSCOW A-109). NOTEWORTHY HERE IS FACT THAT GARABEDIAN CASE HAD NOT RPT NOT BEEN SUBJECT OF EMBASSY OR OTHER OUTSIDE INTERVENTION. ALTHOUGH OVIR AUTHORITIES DID NOT COMMENT ON STATUS OF TAX ( STATING ONLY THAT PERSONAL EXEMPTIONS GRANTED), GARABEDIAN STATED THAT REPORTED " SUSPENSION" OF TAX IS WIDELY KNOW IN YEREVAN.

5. SIMILARLY, ALBERT JOHNSON ( REP. LIST 14) INFORMED CONSOFFS IN VISIT TO EMBASSY APRIL 4 THAT WHEN HE WAS GRANTED SOVIET EXIT PERMISSION IN THIRD WEEK MARCH ( MOSCOW 3332), HE WAS ALSO INFORMED BY MOSCOW OVIR THAT HE HAS BEEN WAIVED FROM PYMENT OF 5,600 RUBLE FEE ASSESSED EARLIER FOR HIS GRADUATION FROM A MOSCOW AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE. ALGHOUGH JOHNSON, TOO, WAS TOLD ONLY THAT HE PERSONALLY WAS EXEMPTED, HE STATED THAT " A LARGE NUMBER" OF JEWISH APPLICANTS AT MOSCOW OVIR OFFICE AT SAME TIME WERE SIMILARLY EXEMPTED. JOHNSON AND OTHER EMBASSY CONTACTS RESIDING MOSCOW HAVE INDICATED THAT REPORT OF TAX " SUSPENSION" WIDESPREAD HERE AS WELL.

6. TO EMBASSY KNOWLEDGE, EXIT PERMISSION NOT YET RECEIVED IN FELDSTEIN AND KOFF CASES ( MOSCOW A-109). WE WILL REQUEST BOTH, HOWEVE R, TO ADVISE EMBASSY WHETHER TAX HAS BEEN ASSESSED.

7. EMBASSY COMPLETED PROCESSING DURING MARCH IN TWO CASES IN WHICH EDUCATION TAX PAID UPON RECEIPT OF SOVIET EXIT PERMISSION IN FEBRUARY. IN CASE OF JOHN KADEKIAN FAMILY ( MOSCOW A-109 AND 1695), TOTAL OF 7,000 RUBLES PAID FOR ENGINEERING AND

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MEDICAL EDUCATION RECEIVED BY KADEKIAN AND HIS WIFE. IN CASE OF MRS. ZELDA BROWNSTEIN AND DAUGHTER LEVA ( MOSCOW 3177), LATTER PAID 1,600 RUBLES FOR EDUCATION AT KISHINEV PEDAGOGICAL INSTITUTE.

8. COMMENT: SINCE DUTCH ( REPRESENTING ISRAEL), WEST GERMAN AND CANADIAN CONSULS HAVE INFORMED US THAT NO RPT NO EDUCATION TAX PAID IN PAST TWO WEEKS IN THEIR IMMIGRATION CASES, EVIDENCE INDICATES THAT SUSPENSION IN EFFECT ACROSS- THE- BOARD. SUSPENSION OF TAX HAS NOT AFFECTED RATE OF EMIGRATION, HOWEVER, WHICH IS STILL CONTROLLED BY HIGHLY SELECTIVE SOVIET POLICY ON GRANTING OF EXIT PERMISSION. INTERESTINGLY, RATE OF EMIGRATION TO ALL FOUR COUNTRIES FOR FIRST QUARTER OF 1973 IS VERY CLOSE TO THAT RECORDED IN SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR. ( DETAILS ON EMIGRATION TO ISRAEL REPORTED IN MOSCOW 3540, 3515 AND PREVIOUS. WE WILL REPORT BY SEPTTEL ON FIRST QUARTER EMIGRATION TO FRG AND CANADA.)  
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